

HANNA is for Roosevelt, principally because Roosevelt doesn't need his help.

The ethics of the medical profession touching advertising are said to be in modest good taste. They are also cheap.

BREATHITT COUNTY, Kentucky, might be transferred to Serbia without detriment to either the kingdom or the municipality.

THE rise of the Mississippi this year at St. Genevieve exceeds that of 1892—a memorable year for high waters—by four inches.

I READ of a young married woman who took "four ounces of glycothymoline" in a vain attempt at suicide, and yet there have been others known to have succumbed to a few ounces of simple strychnine!

THE six St. Louis daily papers printed, each, a "photograph" of Queen Draga of Serbia, who was assassinated last Thursday. No two pictures have the slightest resemblance to each other. Newspaper illustration is very much of a fake.

AN exchange says, "The presence of ex-Lieut.-Gov. Lee is a mystery to his brother as well as the public." Just how a man's "presence" can be a "mystery" to anybody is inexplicable, unless one puts it on the ground that he naturally ought to be out of the presence. Still, the word under notice stretches its meaning with the elasticity of a band of India-rubber.

THE *Current Local* is going to "enlarge" by cutting out its patent inside. I think Bro. Lebr will find out his mistake later. Many subscribers to the home paper take no other, and a well edited patent inside keeps them in touch with the outside world as the all-at-home cannot do. Both methods have their advantages and their drawbacks, but I think in the "patent" the former greatly outnumber the latter.

SOME Republican papers profess that they would like to see the Democrats of Missouri run Folk for Governor because he is prosecuting the bootleggers, but the *G.-D.* says it is "silly" to expect that Republicans will vote for him if nominated. And so it is. If our friends the enemy now advocating him for high office believed he would make a strong candidate they would be howling in quite another chorus—and don't you forget it!

If evidence of Bryan's Democracy was needed, the same could be found in the hate and spiteful remarks of the Republican press whenever his name is mentioned. They have "soft words" for Cleveland, Hill, and even Gorman, but nothing except denunciation for the Nebraskan. For my part, I suspect the friend who is favored by the common enemy with praise and commendation, for such cannot come except from infringement of faith and doctrine.

SAYS the *Globe-Democrat*: "St. Louis will have 1240 acres for its World's Fair, against an area of 650 acres at the Chicago exposition. In novelties and general attractiveness the comparison will give a larger margin." I hope so, but doubt it. If the coming show equals the wonderful achievement of the "windy city," its managers need not hide their heads in shame. Let every Missourian do his level best in behalf of the Fair, but he who boasts while putting on his armor is fixing himself for a lathering.

THERE was no name more generally known in all this broad land, thirty years ago, than that of George Francis Train. He was a "freak," a "crank," or this or that, according to the person speaking of him; but he was a celebrity. Then he dropped out of the public ken, and the first indication for years of his still tarrying on the hither side of the dark river was given by the daily press in an item referring to his having been released from a small-pox hospital at Stamford, Conn., one day last week. All his clothes and papers—the latter containing letters from many famous persons—were burned, to prevent infection, and he is inconceivable in consequence. Poor old man! Naught remains for him but the bitterness of no earthly future. Why lingers he superfluous on the stage?

THE town of Heppner, county-seat of Morrow county, Oregon, last Sunday evening was nearly swept from the face of the earth by a twenty-foot wave of water, consequent upon heavy rains and a cloudburst. It is estimated that five hundred lives were lost, but this is doubtless the usual "special" exaggeration. At best, though, it is bad enough. The town is, or was, situated on a mountain stream in a narrow gulch—a location seemingly designed to invite disaster. No doubt the preachers out there call the misfortune "a visitation of God," but it is no such thing; it is a logical

result of blind stupidity and total disregard of natural conditions. The town of Heppner ought never been built in such a place, and ought not be rebuilt there, if the newspapers tell the truth.

I WOULD not, if I could, detract from the merit of Mr. Joseph W. Folk as a public officer. He has given and is giving his best service to the people, and in his prosecution of wrong-doing is entitled to the moral support of all good citizens. He is receiving that support and it is well. But is not the pure-souled, mammoth-disdaining syndicated city press piling the honors rather thick upon him? May not its fulsome eulogies become nauseating because of their sycophantic over-lapping? What transcendent ability has he displayed that he should be suggested for the Governorship of Missouri—nay, even for the Presidency of the United States? Is virtue in prosecuting officials so rare that when discovered it must be rewarded with the highest honors in the way of public preferment? I do not believe that Mr. Folk courts the ephemeral celebrity those papers bestow upon him; if he is the level-headed man I take him for he must view their too-eulogies with contempt. For he is but one of thousands who are as honest and conscientious in the discharge of their duties as he, and quite as able and successful as lawyers, if we take into consideration the disposition of his cases by the Supreme Court.

SAYS the *Globe-Democrat*: "The protective tariff backed by the Republican party of the United States is intended primarily to maintain the standard of American wages and to build up American industries." Then what fools be the members of all labor organizations! Can't they see that the protective tariff does for them the

very thing they seek to do by commodity? Does it, too, without cost to themselves and without the worry and trouble that attend their supererogatory endeavors to maintain wages? As for the industries that the tariff builds up—the steel trust, the coal trust, the machine manufacturing trusts, etc.—it seems to me that when they can ship, as they do, their products to foreign countries and sell them at a profit in competition with all the "pauper labor" of the world—it seems to me that they don't need the extraneous aid given them. But since "the foreigner pays the tax"—an assertion equally true with the other contentions of the high-tariff apostles—nobody can complain. How comfortable it is that we can make the foreigner pay the expenses of running our government, and how fortunate that he has not discovered our exact method and in turn compelled us to pay the cost of maintaining his? Germany and France and one or two others seem to have "caught on" in part, but bungled some way in the economic application, for what American believes or can be made to believe that he is contributing through their protective tariffs to the support of those governments?

THE following planks of the Indiana platform of 1902 on the money question are not so bad, and might find place in the next National Democratic enunciation of principles without violence to the contention of the declarations at Chicago and Kansas City: We recognize as an economic fact the increase of standard money arising from the vast increased production of gold, from our own and foreign mines, and the prodigious influx of foreign gold into this country, as a result of an exceptional demand for our products, arising from foreign wars and other causes, and we point to the result consequent upon this increase of the circulating medium as a demon-

stration of the truth of the quantitative theory of money. We are opposed to the Fowler bank bill indorsed by the Republican leaders, which would give the people a paper currency based on bank assets of unknown value, and for which the government is not responsible; we are also opposed to its proposal of bank concentration and the formation of a great banking trust; and we are also opposed to its proposal to destroy the security of depositors in banks. The trouble is, that, just so soon as they may interfere with the all-grasping purposes of "the business interests" those interests will be found denouncing them as populist and anarchistic. The mammoth-worshipping magnates of the Eastern section of the Democratic party who deserted it and went over to the Republicans—and I include the Buckner following—don't want Democratic doctrine and will not support Democratic principle. They have put themselves out; let them stay out until they recant their heresy and come in as penitents and privateers. Our leaders must be selected from those who have stood loyal and true to the faith.

THE *Jefferson Democrat* takes exception to the following editorial published in this paper two weeks ago: I don't like hoodlums, but I most heartily detest the hoodler who hoodles and induces hoodling and then gives his confederates away in order to save his own hide. As a jurymen I would never give a verdict on his testimony. It is the last sentence that my contemporary objects to, but I hold to the assertion. No jurymen in his senses would credit the testimony of a witness who he knew had been induced by the promise of a sum of money to go on the stand and testify, providing his testimony justified its payment. Would the witness not feel that he must earn the sum promised, and would not the truth be likely to suffer distortion in consequence? No one

can deny it; and yet in the case where a criminal is promised immunity from punishment—from the gaping doors of the penitentiary—how much greater the inducement for him to secure his own advantage? His release depends solely upon the quality of his evidence; will he not endeavor to make it fit his desires—to distort the truth to assure safety for himself? It is monstrous to suppose that he who sins and seeks to shift the consequences of his unlawful acts upon his partners in crime—it is beyond all reason to believe that he will be guided in his testimony by the rule of truth. No, brother! I have never yet been able to make myself a believer in the maxim, "the end justifies the means," and I have passed the three-score mark. "The end justifies the means!" It has sent thousands of souls to hell and never saved a one! It is as brutal as it is cowardly, and has inflamed injustice always. Better that criminals go unwhipped of justice than that she shall soil her garments in the filth of persecution and oppression. She is blind and cannot always see her way clear to the punishment of wrong-doing; but when she herself sins all righteousness is chaos.

#### Summer Excursions.

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The wealthiest and the most economical persons can't afford to miss our millinery bargains. We are going to have a regular June Clearing Sale. We are receiving 1000 bunches of Flowers, bought at 25c on \$1. They go for a song. Dozens of Hats away down. 50 Children's and Misses' Fancy White Duck Hats, newest thing this season for hot weather; sold for 60c to \$1.25, go for 25c each.

**Straw Hats.** We have an entirely new line of Men's and Boys' Straw Hats. Our prices range from 10c to \$2.00.

**Groceries.** At bottom prices. Try our 20c & 25c Coffee, none better. In order to have you try our 50c Tea, an excellent quality, we will offer for two weeks 19 lbs Granulated Sugar for \$1. \$1 worth of Sugar only with 1 lb of Tea. 7 bars Lenox Soap for 25c.

**Wash Goods.** The right sort for immediate wear, at prices a few notches lower than elsewhere. Lawns at 5c up to the finest Silk Mousselines at 50c a yard. In fact we have any style of Wash Goods you call for. Special 10c French Gingham in beautiful styles, go at 5c a yard.

**Shoes.** Your Shoe buying can be easily accomplished by attending our Sample Sale of Shoes.

**Clothing.** You must call and see our line of choice values in Clothing. Splendid values at \$5.00, \$7.00, \$8.00, \$10.00 and \$12.50.

FREE with every Boys' Knee Pants Suit from \$1.00 up, a base ball and bat.

## A Lucky Purchase Of Ladies', Children's and Men's Hosiery and Underwear.

Bought from Hargadine-McKittrick Dry Goods Co., and they are responsible for the magnetic values. We bought 50 dozen of the choicest Hose. Range from 15c to \$1 a pair; they go at half price. 15c hose for 8c; 20c hose, 10c; 35c hose, 18c; 50c hose, 25c and \$1.00 hose, 50c.

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Special line of Parasols, Fancy and Plain, at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, and up to \$5.00.

See our extra heavy silk, steel frame, 26-inch Parasols for ladies, at \$1.39; worth \$2.50.



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Ironton, Mo.

#### Weather Report.

Meteorological report of Voluntary Observer at Ironton, Iron county, Mo., for the week ending Tuesday, June 16, 1903:

Days of Week.	Temperature.		Precipitation.
	High.	Low.	
Wednesday	10	81	.30
Thursday	11	72	.63
Friday	12	73	.41
Saturday	13	80	.36
Sunday	14	86	.40
Monday	15	90	.46
Tuesday	16	91	.49

NOTE—Precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation.

W. H. DELANO, Observer.

We have the largest stock of choice bacon and hams in town. Get our price on meat before buying. H. Barnhouse.

Graham Flour, Rye Flour and Middlings at Ironton flour mill.

Our grocery stock is complete and prices reasonable. H. Barnhouse.

Remember we are still closing out our stock of dry goods and shoes. H. Barnhouse.

A few ladies' French trimmed hats Bonanza.

New lot fine shirts. Bonanza.

All flavors in syrups for drinks. Bonanza.

Gold Medal flour 60c a sack. Bonanza.

Our price on shoes is right when you consider quality. H. Barnhouse.

See our clothing prices. Bonanza.

Men's and boys' straw hats at the Bonanza.

Very fine silk chiffon at Bonanza.

Warranty deeds, deeds of trust, quit claim deeds and chattel mortgages for sale at this office.

Collar and saddle pads for horses at Bonanza.

All prices reduced at Bonanza.

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